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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant(s) hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore applicant is requesting the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1125 for the petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR §1.17(i) (1). Applicant also submits herewith a Certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) and a Petition under 37 CFR §1.97(d).

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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